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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Special Requirements Staff, DPD.

SUBJECT : Suggested Handling of Mission Staging Areas as
Need-to-Know IDEALIST

1. Your attention is invited to the attached excerpt from the 22 May 1961 "Periscops" section of Newsweek magazine.

2. It is by no means inferred that the information upon which the Newsweek article was based resulted from a security leak within the American intelligence community. However, the matter emphasizes a need for application of need-to-know rule concerning the location of staging bases from which IDEALIST missions are initiated. It is requested in each instance therefore, that you consider whether or not members of the COMOR, although appropriately cleared, require such information and when absolutely necessary, that you accompany the awareness with a security admonition.

3. The reasons for this suggestion are as follows:

a. Extreme sensitivity connected with all pre-mission planning details.

b. The obvious advantages to be gained from close compartmentation of this information at such times as it becomes necessary to ascertain the source of a security leak.

4. I would be happy to discuss this matter with you at your convenience.

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referring to Project IDEALIST

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Attachment to IDIA-0357

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Pentagon Whispers
Laughlin AFB, Texas - Nothing has been said,
but a U-2 photo plane - the same type that
did high-altitude reconnaissance over Russia -
flew over Cuba just before the abortive rebel
landings. The mission - one of the last from
this soon-to-be-closed base - gave the CIA a
set of near-perfect pictures of Cuban airfields
(and the planes on them) and military bases.

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CURRENT AND PROPOSED OPERATIONS

| OPERATION | | AREA | DATE | APPROVAL STATUS USAF - AGENCY/STATE | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------|------------|--|--------------------------|
| 1. <u>SPECIAL PROJECTS</u> | | | | | |
| a. <u>IDEALIST</u> | | | | | |
| 25X1A | (1) Operation <input type="text"/> | Cuba | 28-30 June | Approved | Approved |
| b. <u>CORONA</u> | | | | | |
| | (2) Mission 9019 | | 7-11 July | N/R | Pending ^{25X1C} |

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OPERATIONS COMPLETED DURING PERIOD 18 - 24 JUNE 1961

CORONA

1. Mission 9017 successfully recovered 18 June.

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ACTIVITY PROGRAM

1. PURPOSE: To provide additional funds under Contract SC-96-42 with the Perkin-Elmer Corporation for the remainder of FY 1961.

2. Description of Work or Services Required: Modification, repair and overhaul of photographic equipment and related ground support equipment for Project IDEALIST for the period of 1 July 1960 to 30 June 1961.

3. Expected Additional or Related Work or Services: None

4. Total Estimated Cost:

Estimated cost included in FY 1961 IDEALIST
Material Budget.....

Total IDEALIST funds committed on
Contract No. SC-96-42.....

Estimated additional funding necessary
for contract to 30 June 1961.....

The required funding is available from amounts allocated to DPD
and the amount of [] has been provided for in our Projection
Report of 15 June 1961.

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COMPTROLLER, DPD-DD/P

5. Delivery Schedule or Period of Performance: Remainder of FY 1961

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6. Remarks: None

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Chief, Material Staff
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CONCURRENCE:

(Signed) Stanley W. Beerli

STANLEY W. BEERLI
Acting Chief, DFD-DD/P

APPROVED: or RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

30 June 61
RICHARD M. RISSLEY, JR.
Deputy Director (Plans)

7. Conditions of Approval:

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